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Denise Burke focuses on complex regulatory and compliance issues, healthcare transactional diligence and operational issues. With more than 30 years of healthcare experience, she offers hospitals, Academic Medical Centers, physicians, post-acute care providers, venture capital companies, medical device companies and other healthcare clients advice on a wide range of matters that impact their business, including internal investigations, federal and state fraud and abuse matters, audits and appeals. She is currently engaged to serve as an Independent Review Organization pursuant to two OIG Corporate Integrity Agreements.

As a former Compliance Officer, Quality Management Professional and a key member of a Deferred Prosecution Federal Monitor Team for a medical device company, Denise has valuable firsthand experience developing effective compliance programs that sustain government scrutiny. She also assists clients with internal and external investigations. Denise's in-house experience in hospital, home health, durable medical equipment and physician practice management settings make her a trusted and enthusiastic advisor on both day-to-day healthcare operations issues and long-term strategic objectives.

Denise has extensive experience in federal and state fraud and abuse matters involving Stark, anti-kickback laws and the False Claims Act, and she represents clients in billing, EMTALA and HIPAA audits and appeals and assists with self-disclosures and OIG Advisory Opinion Requests.

EXPERIENCE

- **Hildred Capital Management completes recapitalization of DermCare Management**
Represented Hildred Capital Partners in the majority recapitalization of DermCare Management.
- **Gastroenterology physician group acquires an Alabama-based gastroenterology practice**
Served as transaction and healthcare regulatory counsel to a private equity-backed gastroenterology group in its acquisition of an Alabama-based gastroenterology practice, adding 20 board-certified gastroenterologists and 17 advanced practitioners.
- **Audax acquires South Florida ENT Associates**
Represented Audax in its acquisition of South Florida ENT Associates.

- **Brentwood Associates acquires MD Now Urgent Care**
Served as special healthcare regulatory counsel to Brentwood Associates in its acquisition of MD Now Urgent Care.
- **PE-backed gastroenterology practice acquires similar practice based in Seattle**
Served as transaction and healthcare regulatory counsel to a PE-backed gastroenterology in its acquisition of a similar practice based in Seattle.
- **Sorenson Capital acquires Golden State Dermatology**
Served as special healthcare regulatory counsel to Sorenson Capital in its acquisition of interest in Golden State Dermatology.
- **Gastro Health acquires South Florida Gastroenterology Associates**
Served as transaction and healthcare regulatory counsel to Gastro Health in its acquisition of South Florida Gastroenterology Associates, adding 15 providers, seven offices and two ambulatory surgery centers to Gastro Health's network.
- **LifePoint Health acquires Providence Hospitals**
Advised LifePoint Health in its acquisition of Providence Hospitals in South Carolina from the Sisters of Charity Health System.
- **Ventas acquires Ardent Medical Services for \$1.75 billion**
Served as special healthcare, real estate and diligence counsel to Ventas, Inc. during its acquisition of Ardent Medical Services for \$1.75 billion.
- **Dermatology practice subject to a civil enforcement action**
Represented a dermatologist and dermatology practice in a civil enforcement action filed by Department of Justice in the Western District of Tennessee alleging violations of federal False Claims Act. Matter settled for an amount below anticipated defense costs.
- **Arkansas hospital winds down, closes**
Assisted a 140-bed Arkansas not-for-profit hospital in winding down its operations, liquidating assets and in its Chapter 7 bankruptcy proceeding.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Memphis State University, 1993
- B.S., with honors, University of Tennessee, 1986

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Tennessee

RECOGNITIONS

The Best Lawyers in America® (BL Rankings)

- Health Care Law, 2010-2022

The Best Lawyers in America© (BL Rankings), 2022

- Lawyer of the Year, Health Care Law (Memphis)

Mid-South Super Lawyers (Thomson Reuters)

- Healthcare, 2006-2008, 2011-2015, 2017-2020

Best Lawyers Business Edition

- Honored as a Woman of Influence (2017)

Memphis Medical News

- Recognized in InCharge Healthcare, an annual directory of healthcare leaders and executives who are transforming the healthcare industry (2015-present)

Nashville Health Care Council Fellows

- Member, Class of 2016

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- Fellow, American Bar Foundation
- Fellow, Nashville Health Care Council, Class of 2016
- Member, Memphis, Tennessee, and American Bar Associations
- Member, American Health Law Association
- Advisory Board Member, Institute for Health Law & Policy at the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law
- Member, American Health Information Management Association
- Member, Health Care Compliance Association
- Executive Council, TBA Health Law Section; 2016 Chairman

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board Member, Common Table Health Alliance
- Former Executive Leadership Team, American Heart Association Go Red for Women, Memphis Chapter
- Advisory Board Member, Memphis Chapter of the National Association of Health Service Executives

UP CLOSE

Denise is an avid sports fan and enjoys weekends at the family farm.